*Reply of Government.*—The question of improving the condition of roads is engaging attention. A written representation about the unsatisfactory condition of the particular roads referred to may be sent to the local officers.

SUBJECT NO. 144.

Rates in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. A. Narasimhayya, Malvalli taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The rates in respect of the works executed in the Marahmat Department were prescribed many years ago. Latterly, the prices of food grains and the rate of wages of coolies have risen very high. The execution of the works at the prevailing rates (*i.e.*, prescribed many years ago) will not be very satisfactory. It is therefore requested that the present rates be caused to be revised.

*Reply of Government.*—Is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 145.

Fencing tank bund roads.

Messrs. Gurikar Venkataramana Gowda, Tigalarahalli Timme Gowda and Yejman Narain Setti, Kankanhalli taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—All roads on tank bunds may be ordered to be fenced as otherwise bullocks shy and cause injury to lives and property.

*Reply of Government.*—Particular cases in which railings are very urgently required may be brought to the notice of the local officers.

## RAILWAYS.

(*Nos. 146-152.*)

SUBJECT NO. 146.

Extension of railways into the malnad.

(1) Messrs. Venkatasubbannachar, Tammiahbhatta and Agumbi Rama Rao, Tirthahalli taluk.

(2) Mr. C. Vamana Rao, Nagar taluk, and

(3) Messrs. Yagaiyana Krishnappa and A. Narasimhaiengar, Sagar taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed.—

(1) that railway may be introduced into the malnad as early as possible;

(2) that, for the improvement of the malnad, the opening of the proposed railway lines into the malnad taluks of the Shimoga district and of Kadur-Chikmagalur-Mangalore line of the Kadur district may be commenced early;

(3) that for the improvement of the malnad parts, the railway may be extended from Shimoga to Sagar and lines may be opened so as to be useful to Nagar, Tirthahalli and Shikarpur taluks also.

*Reply of Government.*—A scheme for connecting Shimoga and Tirthahalli by rail has been sanctioned and arrangements are being made to survey the line. The line will be started as soon as the amount of subscriptions promised by the people is collected. Other lines will also be taken up, if similar financial contributions are received.

SUBJECT NO. 147.

Hassan-Mangalore Railway line.

Messrs. M. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan District Board and M. Venkataramiah, Manjarabad taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—To afford facilities for easy communication to the seaport to which malnad people suffering from malaria, etc., may often resort for recoupment of their health, and for convenience of our trade with western countries, it is prayed that Government be pleased to consider the desirability of connecting

Mangalore by railway and thus promote the prosperity of the country.

*Reply of Government.*—Is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 148.

A Railway line in the Chitaldrug District.

Messrs. Lingappa, Chitaldrug municipality, Sanjiva Rao, Chitaldrug taluk and C. Channakesaviah, Krishi Silpabhi Varadhaka Samaj, Chitaldrug.

*Summary of discussion.*—A Railway line may be opened from Chikjajur to Bellary *viâ* Chitaldrug, Challakere, Molakalmuru and Rayadrug, as this will facilitate trade.

The District Board are not able to contribute any portion of the capital cost but they will guarantee interest by levying a Railway cess. People are too poor to subscribe for debentures.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Special officers to supervise the affairs of the Mysore Railway.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—As three-fourths of the receipts from the Mysore Railway main line goes to our Government, it is better if some supervising officers are appointed by the State to prevent loss to the State Revenue and to enquire into all unnecessary annoyances and inconveniences which the Company's servants often cause to passengers. The supervising officers may be made to travel by rail now and then and to enquire after the convenience of the passengers.

*Reply of Government.*—All that is possible is being done.

SUBJECT No. 150.

*Intermediate classes* in the Bangalore-Mysore Railway.

Mr. A. Narasimhaiya, Malvalli taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The introduction of the *Intermediate class* carriages in the *Mysore-Bangalore Railway line* will afford convenience to the passengers. The Railway authorities may kindly be addressed in the matter.

*Reply of Government.*—The Railway authorities will be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 151.

Through carriages between Bangalore and Shimoga.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—A through carriage may be ordered to be run bothways between Bangalore and Shimoga. Such a carriage is being run on the Miraj-Kollapur section in the mail trains.

*Reply of Government.*—Desirable. The Railway authorities will again be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 152.

The inconvenience of 3rd class passengers in railway carriages.

Messrs. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk, Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk and Krishna Iyer, Commercial Association, Bangalore.

*Summary of discussion.*—Whenever a large number of people have to travel by rail to places where jatras and other gatherings are held, the railway authorities thrust in 10, or even 12 passengers in 3rd class compartments inspite of the rule that no more than 4 passengers should be seated on each seat. Very often 3rd class passengers are thrust into waggons just like sheep, and the passengers are thereby put to loss and trouble. Though these passengers contribute largely to the Railway income yet they have little convenience. It is therefore prayed